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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REPRESENTATIONS ON CUBA'S

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1. SENIOR TANGOV OFFICIALS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAVE MADE CLEAR TO US THEIR VIEWS ABOUT CUBA'S ROLE IN THE HORN. TANGOV GIVES CUBA CREDIT FOR HELPING TO EXPEL THE SOMALIS FROM ETHIOPIA AND WOULD WELCOME CUBAN HELP IN ARRANGING SOME FORM OF ERITREAN-ETHIOPIAN RECONCILIATION. IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH AGAINST A CUBAN COMBAT ROLE IN ERITREA.

2. TANGOV HAS NOT PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN ABOUT A CUBAN COMBAT ROLE IN ERITREA AND MAY NOT HAVE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT WITH CUBA OR EVEN THE USSR. SUBJECT, HOWEVER, HAS PROBABLY BEEN RAISED WITH ETHIOPIA. THERE IS A RELUCTANCE ON TANGOV'S PART TO BREAK "SOCIALIST" RANKS. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT TANGOV
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WOULD BE LIKELY TO TAKE AN OPEN STAND AGAINST A CUBAN COMBAT ROLE IN ERITREA ONLY AFTER THE FACT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES REPRESENTATION ON THIS ISSUE WOULD NOT BE WELCOMED BY TANGOV.
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